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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to request access to records in the possession of the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the purpose of inspection and copying pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

I request an electronic list containing information about the amount of municipal solid waste (MSW) produced by each state in America and the recycling rates for each state in the most recent calendar year available.

Please provide me an electronic copy of the data contained in your agency's database collected in the most recent calendar year available.

Specifically, I want the following fields including, but not limited to:

"Name of state, total amount of MSW, year, material, source (residential, commercial, institutional, or industrial sources), amount of recycled MSW, amount of energy recovered MSW, amount of discarded MSW, amount of seaborne exports of recyclable materials."

I ask that this data be provided in a machine-readable format such as a Microsoft Excel file, a text file or a Microsoft Access file.

I would also request a copy of the record layout of the database and a data dictionary to help interpret the information in the database.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your timely attention to my request.

Sincerely,

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